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ABSTRACT

The Corporate-Higher Education Forum was founded in 1983 to increase cooperation between Canadian businesses and universities. Chapter 1 of this advisory bulletin describes the forum's main interest over the past 2 years as a theme following education from the early years to lifelong learning. Chapter 2, "The Character and Quality of Canadian Education: Some Contemporary Issues," outlines the purposes and recent trends of education; places education in political, social, and economic contexts; gives educational outcomes in terms of academics, skills and work habits, values, dropout rates, and public opinion; and defines current issues facing learning. "Designing Canada's Future: Learning for the 21st Century" is chapter 3, discussing patterns, accomplishments, and challenges of education today, responses and trends for tomorrow, and how to design an effective learning system for the 21st century. The forum provides recommendations including increased public awareness efforts, instructions for taking action, and suggestions for action in chapter 4. Appendix A contains a list of selected readings on the past, present, and future of Canadian education and how to plan action for educational support. The forum's mission and membership are given in Appendix B. (EJS)

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